Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey - Decision Making Record

Community Safety Fund Applications – April 2017

Decision number: 009/2017

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Executive Summary:

For 2017/18 the Police and Crime Commissioner has made available £750,000 of funding to ensure continued support to local community, voluntary and faith organisations.

In April The Community Safety Fund, received 10 applications for funding. Two of those where for application for small grants. Of the 8 core service awards 3 are recommended for approval by the PCC.

Applications for Core Service Awards over £5000

Elmbridge Borough Council - Elmbridge Junior Citizenship

To award Elmbridge Borough Council £9,750 to employ Child Safety Media to run their Junior Citizen event in 2017. Junior Citizen is a multi-agency safety event aimed at Year 6 primary school children (10 to 11year olds). It has been designed to provide children with life skills that will, in the future, help to keep themselves and others safe. It is generally accepted that children start to become more independent at this age and are often expected to cope increasingly on their own, dealing with changes in their lives – such as a move to secondary school.

The aim of the Junior Citizen event is to raise each participant's awareness of potential threats and dangers, in a fun and interactive way.

Surrey Alliance of Mediation Services – Community Mediation

To award Surrey Alliance of Mediation £47,750 to deliver Community Mediation. The award contributes directly to the cost of serving community mediation cases and recruiting and training more community mediators so that there is capacity for the future to meet the increasing demands for the services of our volunteers.

To provide a professional and sustainable service, each service has a part time paid administrator. This role is the focal point of contact for referral agencies, parties in dispute and mediators. The administrator allocates mediators to cases, sends communications to all parties, organises venues for meeting, etc. The funding application contributes towards the paid administrators.

It is recommended Surrey Alliance of Mediation Services is awarded £47,750 for 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 subject to the criteria as set out in the Application Agreement.

Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum (SMEF) – Active Communities

To award SMEF £49,930 to continue funding the Active Communities project and to build on and consolidate the work done with BAME communities in Surrey. The following activities will be deliver under the Active Communities project in 2017/18;

People's Assembly, centre for third party reporting of hate crime, 12 interactive sessions working with BAME communities focusing on domestic abuse and harmful practices, drug and alcohol awareness and internet safety.

It is recommended Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum is awarded £49,930 for 2017/18 and 2018/19 subject to the criteria as set out in the Application Agreement.

Applications for Small Grant Awards up to £5000 – Community Safety Fund

Surrey County Council Trading Standards – Body Worn Cameras

To award £3,424 to Surrey County Council Trading Standards for Body Worn Cameras to be used in the collection of evidence, enhancing the current procedures and increasing resilience of the prosecutions.

Surrey Police – Elmbridge Young Persons Awards

To awards Surrey Police £500 towards the running of the Elmbridge Young People Awards. The awards recognise and reward young people who have been exceptional volunteers or performed exceptional service to their community, young people who have turned their lives around, a young carer or a young person who has carried out an act of bravery to assist someone else or overcome personal difficulties.

Recommendation

The Commissioner supports the core service applications and small grants applications to the Community Safety Fund and awards to the following;

- £9,750 to Elmbridge Borough Council to deliver the Elmbridge Junior Citizen
- £47,750 to Surrey Alliance of Mediation Services towards their core Community Mediation work
- £49,930 to SMEF to deliver the Active Communities project
- £3,424 to Surrey County Council Trading Standards for Body Worn Cameras
- £500 to Surrey Police towards the Elmbridge Young Persons Awards

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

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I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:

Date: 31/03/2017

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

Areas of consideration

Consultation

Consultation has taken place with appropriate lead officers depending on the application. All applications have been asked to supply evidence of any consultation and community engagement.

Financial implications

All applications have been asked to supply accurate financial information including the total costs of the project with breakdown where the money will be spent; any additional funding secured or applied for and plans for on-going funding. The Community Safety Fund Decision Panel/ Partnership and Victims policy officers considers the financial risks and opportunities when looking at each application.

Legal

Legal advice is taken on an application by application basis.

Risks

The Community Safety Fund Decision Panel/Partnership and Victims policy officers considers any risks in the allocation of funding. It is also part of the process to consider when refusing an application the service delivery risks if appropriate.

Equality and diversity

Each application will be requested to supply appropriate equality and diversity information as part of the monitoring requirements. All applicants are expected to adhere to the Equality Act 2010

Risks to human rights

Each application will be requested to supply appropriate human rights information as part of the monitoring requirements. All applicants are expected to adhere to the Human Rights Act.